

APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. A stator for an automotive alternator comprising:
 - a stator core having a plurality of slots; and
 - a preformed stator coil including a cluster of three phases of connected stator winding having;
 - axially parallel portion which are substantially parallel to the central axis of said stator coil, said axially parallel portions comprising current generating portions disposed within said slots of said stator core and generating electric current, and projecting portions which project from the axial ends of said slots; and
 - bridge portions comprising circumferential portions connecting said axially parallel portions to each other within each of said three phases of windings;wherein inner circumferential surfaces of said bridge portions are placed at least close to [in contact with] the axial end surfaces of said stator core [without any gaps] in the direction of the central axis of said stator core, so that the spatial ratio occupied by said stator windings belonging to said bridge portions exposed beyond said axial end surfaces of said stator core, has a high density.